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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 1st-April, through Sunday, 8th-April there were 27 countries active. Countries available: 3B8, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4X, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5T, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7P, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C6, C9, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, E5/n, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FH, FK, FM, FO, FR, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J5, J6, J7, J8, JA, JD/o, JT, JX, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KH8, KH9, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ7, PY, PZ, R1FJ, S5, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV/a, SV5, SV9, T32, T5, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TR, TT, TU, TY, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK0M, VK9N, VP2V, VP6, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XW, XX9, YA, YB, YI, YJ, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS

*** PLEASE NOTE:** The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

1ST CANADIAN LICENSE FOR 60M

Industry Canada issued its first license on the new 60 meter developmental band, VX9GHD to VE3FI Russ Hemphill on April 4th. Canadians have been waiting for 3 years for this new

opportunity to join the USA and Britain. This band is badly needed for Emergency Communications when conditions on 40 and 80 are not suitable for transmitting or receiving traffic. This license is for one year then it will be open to all Canadian amateurs using their own callsign.

9M0, SPRATLY (Reminder)

Members of the Malaysian Amateur Radio Transmitter Society (MARTS) and the 9M4SDX Team will be active this week as 9M0L from Pulau Layang Layang Island (Swallow Reefs - AS-051) near Sabah, East Ma- laysia, between April 10-24th. The current team consists of Tex-san/9M2TO (Project Coordinator), Neoh/9M2CLN (Team Leader Malaysia), Tack-san/JE1CKA (Team Leader Japan), Hajime/7K4QOK, Takuto/9M2/JE1SCJ, David/9M2PX, Yasuma/ 9M8YY, Nigel/G3TXF, Joe/JA1LZR, Miyama/JE1KUC, Naoyuki/JK1FNL, Hiroyuki/ JP1TRJ and Yutaka/JQ2GYU. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. They will try to have as many RTTY QSOs with NA/SA as much as possible. The team will have 4 stations using Spider Beams and a Layang Special. Suggested frequencies are:

CW - 1811, 3511, 7011, 10121, 14011, 18071, 21011, 24891 and 28011 kHz
SSB - 3791, 7081, 14160, 18130, 21275, 24940 and 28405 kHz
RTTY - 3521, 7031, 10141, 14081, 18101, 21081, 24921 and 28081 kHz
6m - 50101/CW and 50110/SSB

Special Notes:
1. All frequencies are 9M0L transmitting frequency. They will announce listening Frequency when QRV.
2. 80m RTTY: They will listen 3590 and up for EU.
3. 40m SSB: They will announce listen up 7100 for US.

QSL direct to 9M2TO: 9M0L TEAM PENANG, PO BOX 125 GPO 10710, Penang Island, MALAYSIA or by the Bureau to Malaysian Amateur Radio Transmitter's Society (MARTS). A Web page is up an running at: http://9m0l.legendchew.com

E5 SOUTH COOK ISLANDS (Reminder)

By the time you read this, operators Graeme/VK4FI and Alan/VK4WR will be active as E51GMH and E51BKM, respec- tively from the South Cook Islands between April 8-27th. Graeme informs OPDX that they will activate Rarotonga Island (OC-013) and Aitutaki Island (OC-083). Their main band of interest is 6 meters, and for the HF bands, 40/20/17/15/12/10 meters. They will use an IC-706 and an FT-450 into a 5 element Yagi for 6m and a OCF Dipole. Modes will be CW and SSB only, no amplifiers - 100 watts only. QSLs go to VK4FI (see QRZ.com info - 2 USDs for postage).

E51, SOUTH COOK ISLANDS (Reminder)

The E51M DXpedition team, which will be going QRT - probably as you are read this, will be active as E51EWP from Rarotonga, South Cook Islands, again between April 11-14th. Activity will be on all bands including 60m, using CW, SSB, but with an emphasis on RTTY because there is a high demand for RTTY. QSL via DJ8NK, direct or by the Bureau. Online QSL Requests Service (OQRS) for the Bureau and direct cards can be made after April 20th. For more details, see the E51M Web page at:

http://www.manihiki2012.de

GI2012, NORTHERN IRELAND

Look for special event station GI2012MGY to be active between April 12-18th. Operations will be in Belfast from onboard the SS Nomadic - Titanic's 'Little Sister'. To mark the Centenery of the sinking of the Titanic, the City of Belfast Radio Amateur Society will be active on most HF bands using CW and SSB. The SS Nomadic is the only remaining historic link to the Titanic left afloat, and she is also the last surviving White Star Line vessel in the world. Like Titanic herself, she was built at the shipyards of Harland and Wolff in Belfast, Northern Ireland,and served as a tender to the Olympic and Titanic. Please see GI2012MGY on QRZ.com for QSL details and further info.

GJ, JERSEY

Members of the Jersey Contest Group will be active as GJ2A from Jersey Island (EU-013) during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Multi-Op entry. QSL via LoTW, or direct to GJ3DVC.

HH8, HAITI

Amadeo, EA3OW, is now active as HH8/EA3OW, from Jacmel in Southern Haiti until May 12th. Activity will be limited and during his free time because of his work. Operations will be on 40-10 meters using SSB, RTTY and other Digital modes. His equipment is a Kenwood TS-480sat and dipole antenna. QSL via his home callsign, by the Bureau or direct. Visit his Web page at:

http://ea3ow.wordpress.com

IOTA NEWS

AS-079. Operators Takeshi "TAKE"/JS6RRR and Fusao "FUSA"/JA5DUR/JS6 will be active from **Miyako Island (Okinawa)** between 0900z, April 26th and 0000a, May 7th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters (including 30/17/12m) using CW, SSB, FM, RTTY and PSK31. In case of heavy rain or other conditions, the operation may vary. QSL JA5DUR/JS6 via JA5DUR and JS6RRR via JS6RRR. The Bureau is the best. Please check QRZ.com for detail.

AS-109 (CANCELLED) It was announced that the RT9K/P DXpedition was cancelled because the temperature in Nadym was over 0 deg C and the snow is melting. The next few week's forecast also predicts higher temperatures which will weaken the ice for the snowmobile and tricky for a boat to navigate. The team has returned home to find a different method of transportation.

KH6BZF PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (April 9-15th)

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Apr/09th  AN      Apr/12th  AN      Apr/14th  HN
Apr/10th  AN      Apr/13th  HN-LN   Apr/15th  AN
Apr/11th  AN

  SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE
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   NORMALITY                GEOMAG       K Values    Alpha
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AN  - Above Normal       Quiet        K=0-1       0-7
HN  - High Normal        Unsettled    K=2         8-15
LN  - Low Normal         Active       K=3         16-29
BN  - Below Normal       Minor Storm  K=4         30-49
DIS - Disturbed          Major Storm  K=5         50-99
VRY DIS - Very Disturbed Severe Storm K=6-9       100-400
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KP2, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

Operators Philip/KT3Y, Fred/K9VV and Tine/S50A will be active as KP2M from the Radio Reef Contest Station (KP2M), **St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Island (NA-106)**, during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 26-27th) as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via AI4U and LoTW. Look for the operators to be active outside of the contest between May 23-29th. For more details about the KP2M station, see:

http://www.radioreef.com

QSL INFO AND NEWS

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QSL-INFO from DB0SDX (dated April 5th)
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4KS0NG via RU3SD        DF60JFA via DJ1TO       LZ1437MGS via LZ1KCP
4O8A via S50A           DP0GVN via DL5EBE       N3C via W3DQ
9A203XM via 9A3XM       EA8/DL3ASM via DL3ASM   OR100MGY via ON6KNH
9M2/R6AF/P via R6AF     EM100N via UT8NT        OZ/DF9TM via DF9TM
A35XG via JA1XGI        F8ATS/6W via F8ATS      PH100MGY via PA3CAL
C91KHN via ZS6ALB       FK8GX via W3HNK         SV1OAA/8 via SV1OAA
CO6YAC via KJ4QHL       FO8WBB via N6JA         T88RA via JH1RMH
CT8/DL1CW via DL1CW     GB1OOC via MW0DHF       V44KAI via W5TFW
CT8/DL5AXX via DL5AXX   GB4T via M0DOL          VP9HE via W2AF
CT8/K0RUI via K0RUI     KP4EIT via EA5GL        XV3W via F6BUM
                                                YR10XF via YO4KAK
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HK0NA QSL UPDATE. It was announced on April 5th [edited]: "The HK0NA QSLs have been designed and the order has gone to the printer. We estimate that the HK0NA QSL card processing should start sometime in May-June, 2012. We are currently busy opening mail, and pre-processing the log for future label printing. PLEASE understand that this will be an enormous enter- prise and will take time to process. QSL cards will not be mailed all at one time. We are pre-processing direct OQRS request first. Direct mail will be next." Updates will be posted on the SJDXA's Web page at:

http://www.sjdxa.org/hk0na.htm

QSL MANAGER CHANGE. Phil, F5PHW, reports that QSLs for FO8RZ and FO8RZ/P can now be sent to F5PHW direct, by the Bureau or LoTW. If you have already sent a QSL to F8BPN, don't send it again, you will receive your QSL soon. Phil sends a big thanks to Mauricette, F8BPN, for the very good QSL managing job she did. F5PHW's address is on QRZ.com or send it to: Phil BERGER, 14 rue du 4 eme bataillon FFI, 56690 NOSTANG, FRANCE. All info about FO8RZ is on:

http://f5phw.hamlogs.net/?lng=en

QSL STATUS VP6T, ETC... Nigel, G3TXF, reports that during the past two weeks some 3,000 direct QSL requests have been replied to for **VP6T (and ZD7XF)**. As of April 2nd, they are completely up-to-date. Take a look at:

http://www.g3txf.com/dxtrip/VP6T-QSLing/VP6T-QSL.html

ST. PETER & ST. PAUL ROCKS LOGS (Update)
Cesar, PY2YP, continues to obtain logs for St. Peter & St. Paul Rocks DXpeditions from the operators and uploads them into LoTW. He mentions this week that thanks to Joaquim, PS7JN (now PS8JN), he was able to receive the following logs:

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ZY0SAT - Mar. 31st-Apr. 14th, 2001   ZW0S       - Dec. 3-18th, 2003
ZY0SAT - Feb. 24th-Mar. 11th, 2002   PS0S/PS7JN - Nov. 25th-Dec. 10th, 2004
ZW0S   - Apr. 6-18th, 2003           PS0S/PS7JN - Sep. 7-22nd, 2005
ZW0S   - Sep. 2-17th, 2003           PS0S/PS7JN - Jan. 20th-Feb. 2nd, 2004
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The logs are in spreadsheet and will take some time to convert them to ADIF format. He hopes to upload the logs to the LoTW later this week. In addition, he also received paper logs from 1982 and 1991 operations. The logs are large and will take a lot of time to type. Watch the following Web page for updates:

http://www.py2yp.com

LAST MINUTE UPDATE: Cesar reported on April 5th, "The ZY0SAT, ZW0S and PY0S/PS7JN logs are now in the LoTW. Log search is available at

www.py2yp.com/spsprocks

The satellite QSOs from ZY0SAT log are still pending for upload. This completes the 'on the rocks project' first step: gathering and uploading logs. Now I will work on the paper logs as is in the web page and keep trying to have 2 more logs: 1978 and 1987 operations."

QSL RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 3D2YA, 3XY1D, 5B4AJC, 5V7CC, 7Z7AA, 8P5A, A25JR, A25KW, CO2WF, CQ9T, CR3A, CT1ETX, CT3/DJ0IR, CW5W, EA1PO, EA3IN, ED3X, EE7T, FM5CD, HB9CVQ, HK3R, HR5/W9GL, II9T, IU9T, IR2C, JA0FVU, JA6LCJ, LA6YEA, OE3K, OJ0X, OM3M, OM5M, OQ5M, OZ1TMK, P33W, P40W, P49Y, PJ4/W9NJY, PR5B, PY3VK, PY0S/PS7JN, PZ5P, R3LA, RA3PCI, RA/KE5JA, RX0AE, SM5ELV, SP3SLO, UR3FID, US1IW, V21ZG, VA7ST, VK0BP, TI5W, TO3J, XW3DT, YW5T, YZ7EM, ZF2AG/ZF8, ZF2LC, ZM4T, ZS6EZ and ZY0SAT

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 3B9/OE4AAC, 3D2T, 4K0CW, 4W0VB, 4W0VB/p, CO2WL, DL1QQ, ET3AA, F4GBU, HC2/KF6ZWD, J38A, J7Y, KG2A/VP9, NP4A, PJ4C, T2T, T2V, TL0CW, TN2T, TO4M, TX6T, TX6T/P, VK0TH, VP6T, VR2XLN, VU2DSI, XF1AA and ZD7XF

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: NONE REPORTED THIS WEEK!!

S7, SEYCHELLES

Heye, DJ9RR, will be active as S79RR from Mahe Island between May 15-23rd. Activity will be holiday style on 40-10 meters using CW and RTTY. QSL via his home callsign, by the Bureau or direct or LoTW.

TJ, CAMEROON

Ivan, 5N7M/OM3CGN, is now active as TJ6RM until April 16th. Activity is on 40-10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via OM3CGN.

VP2M, MONTSERRAT (Reminder)

By the time you read this, the "Buddies in the Caribbean", a mini-DXpedition group to Montserrat (VP2M), should be active now and until April 16th, with a new group of operators who have never experienced the "other side of a pileup"! Because of severe baggage limits on the flight from Antigua to Montserrat (one bag under 50 lbs!), they will be limited to 100 watt or less low power radios and the Buddipole portable antenna systems. They will have two of the new Elecraft KX3's with them and believe this will be the first DX- pedition using the new KX3 radio (Ser#23 and #24).

Yet their goal is to demonstrate "ultralite" DXpeditioning into magnificent "vista" locations, operating a field portable battery-only radio with backpackable, light- weight antennas and most of all "having fun" on the "volcano isle". The eight operators are: Budd/W3FF (VP2MFF), Guy/N7UN (VP2MUN), Paul/KB9AVO (VP2MVO), Larry/W7DGP (VP2MLR), Russ/N7QR (VP2MQR), Tom/K2GSJ (VP2MTM) and Chris/N2YYZ (VP2MYZ). There will be several villa stations in operation on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB, and RTTY or PSK. At the same time, several teams will be battery-only, field portable either from Montserrat beaches or scenic mountain tops. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or mail to the operator's home callsign (SASE required).

WH0, MARIANA ISLANDS

Masahiko, JH4VUC, will once again be active from **Saipan (OC-086**, USI NI002S, WLOTA 1333) using the callsign WH0VU between April 18-21st. Activity will be on all HF bands and modes. QSL direct to his home callsign.

XV2, VIETNAM

Larry, W6NWS, is back in Cai Be district, Vietnam, for a family visit until June 12th. Look for him to be active as XV2W during limited time on 80-10 meters (no 60M) using CW and RTTY, as well as SSB if noise in the house permits. His sunset is about 1120z and his sunrise is about 2300z. Larry states, "I am usually on .022 or .028 for CW and .085 for RTTY if they are not already busy. On 80m, I am usually on 3.512 MHz listening up 1. I am limited to 10.1 to 10.11 on 30m." QSL via his home callsign, by the Bureau or direct. Logs are posted to LoTW and eQSL usually within a day.

ZD9, TRISTAN DA CUNHA

Operators Martin/G3ZAY and Robert/M0VFC are planning (not yet confirmed) to be active as ZD9UW from Tristan da Cunha possibly in September. More details are forthcoming, watch:

http://www.zd9uw.org.uk

** IMPORTANT NOTICE/REMINDER **

The Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin now has a new FAX number.
Contributors can now send/fax their DX information to the following number:
1-419-828-7791 (F A X only!)

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please send mail to me via " **kb8nw@arrl.net** "..... TNX de Tedd KB8NW

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Help: opdx-request@barf80.org Subject:help
Subscribe: opdx-request@barf80.org Subject:subscribe
Unsubscribe: opdx-request@barf80.org Subject:unsubscribe

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http://www.papays.com/opdx.html

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http://www.papays.com/nodxa.html

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